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## 2016 AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN SCHOLARSHIP

### *Bart Thomas De Stasio Jr.*

After earning a Ph.D. from Cornell University, you joined the Lawrence faculty in 1992 and have been highly active as a scholar ever since. Your work on diapause (a physiological inactive period), on the effects of invasive species on food webs and on coral reefs has brought you international recognition. This work has three important characteristics. First, it is of the highest caliber, as judged by leading aquatic scientists in this country and across the world. In addition, it combines research results of theoretical importance with outcomes that have great practical implications. The knowledge you have developed on the dangers of invasive species and the challenges to our ecosystems is of significance for each of us, regardless of our scientific backgrounds. Finally, it represents the very best qualities of the teacher-scholar model that we cherish at Lawrence. Much of your research is done in collaboration with students. These students are generating important research results while also learning to understand the world from the perspective of scientific inquiry.

The research you have done has resulted in more than 35 published scientific papers and chapters, 19 of which are co-authored with Lawrence students. A representative example is a book chapter entitled "Temperature as a Driving Factor in Aquatic Ecosystems." Your work has attracted grants from the National Science Foundation, the Merck Foundation, the University of Wisconsin Sea Grant Program, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the Fox River Navigational System Authority. The reach of your work extends from the Fox River to Green Bay, to the Baltic Sea and, now, to Lake Baikal in Russia.

In recognition of your outstanding scholarly contributions, I am extremely pleased to present you with the 2016 Award for Excellence in Scholarship or Creative Activity.

June 12, 2016